



Yukon River News Release



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2006 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #7 Announcement #6, Districts Y-1, 2, 3 and Innoko River subsistence schedules Districts Affected: Lower Yukon River

Districts Y-1, 2, and 3 are currently on their subsistence salmon fishing schedules

District Y-1 subsistence salmon fishing schedule is from 8:00 p.m. Mondays until 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Thursdays until 8:00 a.m. Saturdays. Subsistence fishers in District Y-1 can begin subsistence salmon fishing again on Monday, June 12 at 8:00 p.m. for 36 hours.

District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing schedule is from 8:00 p.m. Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays. Subsistence salmon fishers in District Y-2 will need to pull their salmon nets out by 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13.

District Y-3 subsistence salmon fishing schedule is from 8:00 a.m. Fridays until 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays. Subsistence fishers in District Y-3 can begin subsistence salmon fishing again on Tuesday, June 13 at 8:00 a.m. for 36 hours.

Subsistence salmon fishing for the Innoko River is open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. However, if subsistence salmon fishers from Shageluk go to the Yukon River mainstem to fish for salmon, they must abide by the subsistence salmon fishing schedule for District 3.

Subsistence salmon fishing for the Coastal District is currently open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, all gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches must be removed from the water and fish wheels may not be operated.

Subsistence salmon fishermen are reminded that the dorsal fin of king salmon taken for

subsistence purposes in Districts Y-1, 2, and 3 must be immediately removed upon landing.

Subsistence salmon fishers are encouraged to call in their subsistence catch information to the department in Emmonak.

This year's river ice breakup occurred later than average and about 10 days later than in 2005. The 1999 season had similar late breakup timing. Commercial fishing did not start until around June 20, although this years run may not be as late as 1999, it will be later than average.

If the Chinook salmon run is similar to last year, the commercial harvest is anticipated to be between 30,000 and 60,000. Therefore, Yukon River commercial fishermen should renew their commercial fishing permits immediately. The department will not be able to issue "request for duplicates" for those individuals who have not renewed their permit in a timely manner. Please call the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) at 907-789-6160 if you have questions or problems with permits.

Commercial fishermen are also reminded that commercial fishing vessels must display in permanent symbols either a renewed ADF&G vessel license plate number or the fishermen's five (5) digit CFEC permit serial number and the letter which follows. If the number has worn off or is not legible it needs to be redone. These symbols must be at least 12 inches high and one 1 inch wide and be placed on both sides of the hull or cabin.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 907-949-1798. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been a report by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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